

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
**NIE0003-US**

In Re Application Of: **Jorge Abel Groiso**

Serial No.  
**10/051,156**

Filing Date  
**January 22, 2002**

Examiner  
**M. B. Priddy**

Group Art Unit  
**3732**

Invention: **BONE STAPLE AND METHOD FOR CORRECTING BONE DEFICIENCIES BY CONTROLLABLY  
SUPPRESSING AND/OR INDUCING THE GROWTH OF THE EPIPHYSEAL PLATE**



**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of November 3, 2003 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month    ☐ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: February 3, 2004

*Date*

until: March 3, 2004

*Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
☒ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is **\$55** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.  
☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **50-1390**.

*Signature*

Dated: **March 3, 2004**

**Michael D. Bednarek**  
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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on \_\_\_\_\_ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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